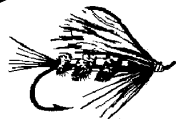


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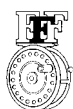
Nautching River, CT - Camping Trip - May 2, 2009

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See article & pics on page 5.

Guest Speaker:

Captain Jeff Becker



God Bless America



The club fishing trips are now in full swing, and I would like to report on some lessons learned from my recent trips to the Bahamas and the Natchaug River in CT.

Lesson number one deals with tackle safety; while fishing in Andros for Bonefish, I managed to impale myself with a #4 Clouser Minnow in my right index finger (don't ask how I managed to do that, for I cannot figure that out myself)! Suffice to say that the barb was well embedded so that I was unable to back-out the hook, and neither the guide nor I wanted to attempt the hook release using fishing line and a lot of nerve! I had to return to shore with the guide and seek medical attention to remove the hook. Time on the water lost, guide time lost, and embarrassment as well. Lesson learned? Always fish barbless when possible, not just to prevent this type of accident to yourself, but possibly to your guide or fishing companions with an errant cast gone bad, especially in windy conditions. Not to mention the reduced stress on the fish during release. If you don't give slack in the line, a barbless hook will keep the fish hooked just fine.

Lesson number two deals with rods not sufficiently fastened to roof racks. Yes, that's right, I put my favorite Sage rod on my roof rack without fastening

it down and drove away to get breakfast. The good news is that when it fell off the road and recovered it. The bad news, too late, it had already been run over by another vehicle. What is particularly embarrassing about this is that it is the second time this has happened to me. Lesson learned? Don't "temporarily" place any tackle where it can be damaged. Make sure you take the extra minute to properly stow your gear safely and securely, it'll save you a lot of aggravation, not to mention expense. The rod is now at the Sage hospital in Washington state undergoing surgery, I am sure it will never be the same.

On a more positive note, I would like to report on one of our club members recent angling achievements. John Menendez was high hook on the Natchaug River trip catching 10 or so trout, including all the available species (brown, rainbow, brook and tiger trout). Going one even better, John hooked up with a heck of a weakfish while fishing the Shinnecock canal in mid May (see *Fishing Reports on page 6*).

Way to go John, You Da Man!!!

Tight Lines, and I'll see you on the water.

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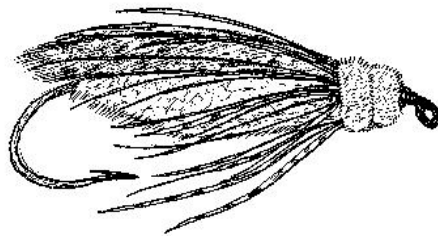
Fly of the Month

The Dredgebug is not a new pattern, but a lot of people have never heard of it. I started tying it after seeing the pattern in an old Fly Tyer magazine and had a lot of success with it, especially on reluctant fish. It's an easy tie and can be tied in any color you want, but I've had the most success with the green version, tied with a brown speckled hen hackle. It can be weighted, and I believe it's more effective tied that way.

Hook : 2 X long nymph # 8 - # 14
Thread : To match head color
Dubbing : Green squirrel Lite Bright blend
Wing : Mallard flank dyed green
Hackle : Brown Speckled Hen
Head: Olive green fine chenille

1. Weight fly with wire on forward third of shank, leaving room for head. Dub body full to cover wire.
2. Tie in folded wing, flat over body. Tie in hen hackle and make 3 wraps stroked back.
3. Tie in chenille and make 2 wraps to form head. Whip finish. You can also tie it with a peacock body and the same wing and head colors. Fish it as you would a wet pattern. I have found I take most of my fish on the swing or lift.

The Dredgebug



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LIFR 2009 Peconic River Canoe /Kayak Trip

By Lee Weil

The 8th Annual Peconic River Bass Trip and Picnic will be held on **Monday, June 29**. This year we're going to open up your options by including **Forge Pond** in our agenda. Forge Pond is located above the section we have always fished in the past, and is accessible by canoe and kayak. However you must have your own vessel to launch in Forge, as it is not possible to paddle there from the Fisherman's Deli. If you would like to rent a boat from the deli you may do so and fish the lower section of the river. Both sections hold bass, pickerel, crappie and bluegills galore.

You can fish anywhere from a 5 to 8 weight outfit, depending on what flies you intend to use. I use an 8 weight because I prefer to cast big deer hair bass bugs, but you will be able to handle streamers and smaller poppers with the 5 weight. Sinking lines are not necessary since most of the river is quite shallow, and weeds will make for difficult retrieves with a sinking line.

I recommend using a 1X or 0X bass leader, with 10 lb. test tippet. While this sounds like over-kill, you will need it when fishing the lily pad beds so abundant in this river. The heavier tippet will also save your flies

from being bitten off by voracious pickerel, I have landed some from this river over 21".

My favorite flies (besides bass bugs, of course) are white, chartreuse and yellow streamers. Gurglers tied in # 6 and # 4 are very productive, along with foam beetles and hopper patterns. Rabbit strip flies and Kiwi muddlers have taken some very good bass here as well.

We start early and I advise members to be on the water by 6:00 to have the best fishing. The Fisherman's Deli opens at 6:00 for those who need to rent. Don't forget to bring sunblock and drinking water; it can get very warm as the morning goes on.

Our picnic will take place at 12:30 in the parking lot at the access area across from the Snowflake Ice Cream stand. Cost of the picnic is \$7.00 per person, including beverages (but bring your own beer, if desired.) You must sign up and pay in advance to attend the picnic.

All participants on this trip must be paid up members of the LIFR.

**For sign up and further information
call Lee Weil at 516-997-6743.**

Welcome New Members

James Tsu

George Jounakos

Attention Yankee Fans

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See Susan or Howie Solomon
for your chance to win.

Farmington River Camping Trip Quickly Approaching

There is still some time to sign up for the June 12-15 camping trip to the Farmington River in Ct. The cost, which includes all meals and camping costs is \$70pp. Susan Solomon will be collecting the money at the May meeting. If you are paying by check, please make it out to Paul McCain. ***Sign up will close at the June 2 meeting.***

Flyrodders Discover Natchaug River

By Susan Solomon

It's with reluctance that I divulge details of the Natchaug River Camping Trip. While none of us heard of the river before our trip there, it is sure to become a favorite destination now that we have experienced it.

Most of us made the requisite stop at Cabela's, East Hartford, which was on the direct route to our campground. From there it was a 45 minute drive to Nickerson Park. Our campsites were situated directly on the river, where we could watch the trout rising to a Hendrickson hatch while we settled in. There was no need to drive any further, as the fishing was excellent twenty feet from our tents/campers.

In a strange twist of fate, while it poured all weekend at home, we only had enough rain to be able to call it an official Flyrodder trip. The rain occurred Friday night after we went to sleep and was finished in time to have breakfast al fresco on Saturday morning.

The river was beautiful, the wading was easy, everyone caught fish and we were all thankful to have experienced a wonderful weekend.



Club members at breakfast



A campsite right on the Natchaug River

Housatonic River, CT Cleanup - May 16, 2009



Tom Cooleen & Paul McCain



Members of LIFR, LITU and various clubs from Connecticut at picnic provided by the Flyrodders. Once again, chef duties were taken on by our Paul McCain.

Just a reminder that Paul McCain will be doing a barbeque before the June 2nd club meeting, so come early at 6 PM and bring your appetite along. The food closes out at 7:30 PM.

Fishing Reports



John Menendez with a Weakfish
caught in Shinnecock Canal in May

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belated Mothers' Day gift.)**

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We have been running this trip four years in a row and it always turned out to be a nice trip every time. We caught a variety of fish – bass, big blue gills, big crappie, pickerel, as well as some nice trout. The accommodations were very good and the food was excellent.

Eldred is located approximately two-and-a-half hours from New York City and it is a pleasant ride. This is also a great trip to bring family and friends and to introduce children to fishing.

The cost of the trip is as follows: We have a boat package, which includes a room, double occupancy, and the use of a bass boat for \$135.00 tax included. If you do not want to enter the bass contest then the cost of a room, double occupancy, is \$96.00 tax included. If you share either package with someone it will cost you half the price. If you need an extra cot in the room the cost is an additional \$8.00. Gordon Mueller and Joe Caroleo are running the trip. If you are interested in going on the trip or need further information, please contact us at any membership meeting or call us: **Joe Caroleo, (718) 845-4225 or Gordon Mueller, (516) 850-3689.**

On Sunday we will be fishing at a local lake. You can rent a row boat or fish from shore. You can also picnic or swim at the beach area. A pass for the day costs \$3.00 for nonresidents. You can also fish other local waters which are nearby. You have the Delaware River, Mongaup Pond and Rondout Reservoir. Early Monday morning we will have a bass fishing contest. As part of the package we will be using bass boats for the bass fishing contest.

Eldred has two large trout ponds. One pond is Catch and Keep. It is stocked with trout. You will have free access to this pond. Whatever trout you catch you keep but you must pay \$6.25 per pound for the trout. You can have your trout cleaned and packed in ice for your trip home. The cost for this service is fifty cents per fish. The other pond is Catch and Release. It is stocked with trout and big catfish. It is for fly fishing only, barbless hooks only. The cost for this pond is \$12.50 per person and you can fish all day.

They also have computerized gambling at the Monticello Raceway, which is only minutes away, if you want to try your luck.

Nature Giving Way to Virtual Reality

WASHINGTON (AP) - As people spend more time communing with their televisions and computers, the impact is not just on their health, researchers say. Less time spent outdoors means less contact with nature and, eventually, less interest in conservation and parks.

Camping, fishing and per capita visits to parks are all declining in a shift away from nature-based recreation, researchers report in Monday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. "Declining nature participation has crucial implications for current conservation efforts," wrote co-authors Oliver R. W. Pergams and Patricia A. Zaradic. "We think it probable that any major decline in the value placed on natural areas and experiences will greatly reduce the value people place on biodiversity conservation. The replacement of vigorous outdoor activities by sedentary, indoor videophilia has far-reaching consequences for physical and mental health, especially in children," Pergams said in a statement. "Videophilia has been shown to be a cause of obesity, lack of socialization, attention disorders and poor academic performance."

By studying visits to national and state park and the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses the researchers documented declines of between 18 percent and 25 percent in various types of outdoor recreation.

The decline, found in both the United States and Japan, appears to have begun in the 1980s and 1990s, the period of rapid growth of video games, they said.

For example, fishing peaked in 1981 and had declined 25 percent by 2005, the researchers found. Visits to national parks peaked in 1987 and dropped 23 percent by 2006, while hiking on the Appalachian Trail peaked in 2000 and was down 18 percent by 2005.

Japan suffered similar declines, the researchers found, as visits to national parks there dropped by 18 percent between 1991 and 2005.

There was a small growth in backpacking, but that may reflect day trips by some people who previously were campers, wrote Pergams and Zaradic. Pergams is a visiting research assistant professor of biological sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago, while Zaradic is a fellow with the Environmental Leadership Program, Delaware Valley, in Bryn Mawr, Pa. While fishing declined, hunting held onto most of its market, they found. "This may be related to various overfishing and pollution issues decreasing access to fish populations, contrasted with exploding deer populations," they said.

The research was funded by The Nature Conservancy.

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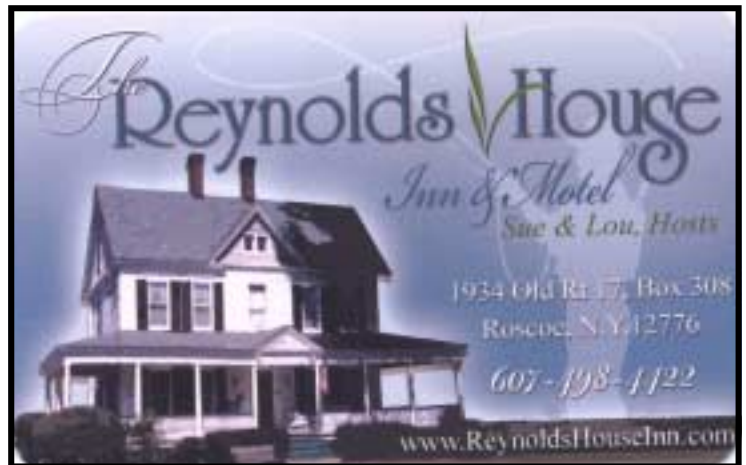
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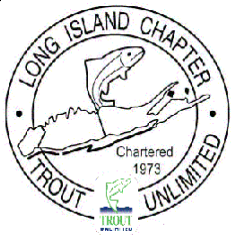
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Thanks, Morty



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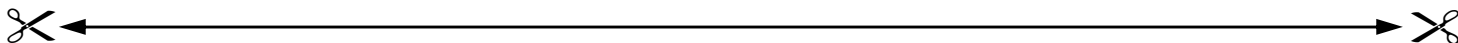
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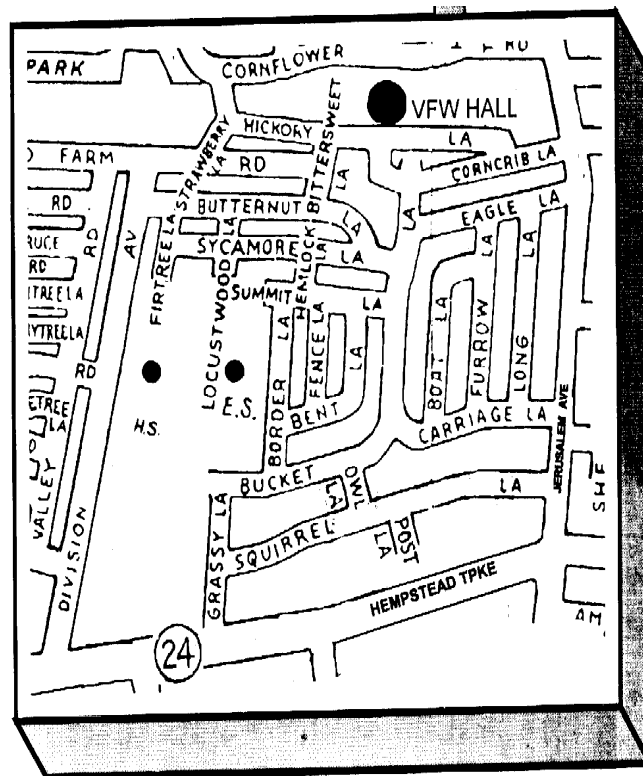
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June - 2009

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- June 12-15 **Farmington River, CT - Camping Trip**
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- June 15 **Monday Fishing at Connetquot State Park**
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- June 23 **Board Meeting**
7:30 P.M. at the Levittown VFW Hall
- June 29 **Peconic River Bass Trip**
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